

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been carefully reviewed and typographical errors have been corrected. Claims 24-29 are amended, and new claims 30-36 are added. Claims 1, 3, 6, 12, 16, 21, 23, 24 and 28 have been amended to clarify antecedent basis.

Election/Restrictions

The Office Action asserts that the application contains claims directed to the following patently distinct species:

Species I	-	Figures 1, 1A and 2
Species II	-	Figure 3
Species III	-	Figures 4-7.

As required under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant elects Species I for prosecution, with traverse.

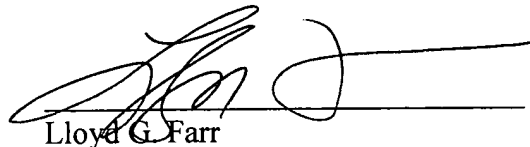
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7, 23 and newly added claim 30 are generic. Applicant believes those generic claims to be novel and patentable. Consequently, all claims in this application should be in a condition for allowance, as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Applicant submits that claims 1-11, 23-25, 28 and 30-32 read on Species I.

This application is now considered to be in a condition for examination on its merits. Favourable reconsideration and the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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